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ROCKFORD TEACHER, BOY SCOUT LEADER FACES CHILD SEX CHARGES

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Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser has charged 56-year-old **Richard J. Reynolds** with the offenses of:

- Grooming, Class 4 felony, 2 counts
- Disorderly conduct, Class C misdemeanor

Kane County prosecutors allege that between September 2019 and March 2021 Reynolds sent direct messages via a social media application to the victim. In the messages, Reynolds asked the victim to perform sexual acts, make a photographic record of the acts and share the photographs with him. Reynolds at the time was on the Blackhawk Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and a co-director of Canyon Camp, a BSA camp near Stockton, Ill. The victim, who was younger than 17 years old at the time, knew Reynolds through Reynolds' association with BSA.

Reynolds works as a teacher at Holy Family Catholic School in Rockford, Ill.

The case is charged in Kane County because the victim received the social media messages at his home in Kane County.

A person commits the offense of grooming when they attempt via electronic transmission to entice someone younger than 17 years old to commit a sex act.

Kane County Judge Julia Yetter issued a warrant for Reynolds' arrest and set his bail at \$40,000 with 10 percent (\$4,000) to apply for bond. Reynolds surrendered Feb. 16, 2022, at the Kane County jail, was booked, posted bond and was released. His next court appearance is set for 9 a.m. Feb. 28, 2022, in Courtroom 319 via remote access at the Kane County Judicial Center.

The charges against Reynolds are not proof of guilt. Reynolds is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case remains under investigation. Anyone with information about Reynolds should contact the Kane County Child Advocacy Center at (630) 208-5160.

Richard J. Reynolds: Age 56 (d.o.b. 8-15-1965), of the 400 block of Logan Street, Rockford, Illinois. Case No. 2022CF282.